

young people to enter Christian work. There is none other higher calling. It may not be so profitable as the world measures profit, but it will tell more in character and usefulness.

J. L. Gillin: We have much as a church to be thankful for. Our death rate is small. We are not a rich church, but it is not wealth so much as the way it is used that counts for God and humanity. I believe God is leading the Brethren church and that great things yet lie before her. God help us to consecrate our lives and substances to him.

C. H. Marks: We will get just what we came here expecting to get. If we have come expecting a feast of spiritual things we shall certainly get it.

W. W. Summers: I have come with a receptive mind. I hope to receive much good from this conference. I have watched year after year the progress of the church. I have seen her pass thru dark days. But thank God that tho many of us are fast failing, the prospect is bright because of the consecrated young leaders coming forward to fill up the ranks as we pass out of them.

J. H. Swihart: Because of an absence from General Conference for some years I had become somewhat indifferent, and when I was elected as a delegate accepted with reluctance. But as the time approached I became more anxious and when the time for starting came, I was one hour too early for the train. My heart rejoices in the number of earnest and efficient young workers in the conference.

L. A. Hazlett: A certain responsibility is devolved upon us as delegates to this conference. We represent the church in general. We must not therefore be selfish and work solely for our own interest. Neither must the needs and wishes of individual congregations be allowed to influence our work. Our object should be to work for the good of the whole church.

Mrs. Flora: This is my first trip to General Conference. I have prayed often for the conference and its work. As a worker I feel that our greatest need is more laborers in the field—men and women willing to sacrifice all for God. Let us not talk about the compensation; "God will provide for his own."

L. S. Bauman: I am glad to be here. I have come to think, to get and to give. The great need of the church is men. This is the best conference of the century. Great things now lie before us. The end of the age is approaching. Mission fields are now opening. The gospel must be heralded to the whole world. If the Brethren church has a mission let her seek at once to fill it.

W. M. Lyons: A brother in testifying always spoke of cement, and illustrated his testimony with it. Love is the cement that binds us together and makes us one. May we pray for more of the love of God to be manifested in our home church and in our conference—then we will have power with God and men.

J. O. Talley: The surviving veterans of the Civil War are now holding a reunion in Chicago. We can easily pressage what is the burden of their conversation. So I think there will be a grand reunion in heaven and we too shall talk of the conflicts and battles of this earth.

J. B. Wampler: There is a time to speak and a time to be silent. Esteem others better than yourself. I am growing old in years, yet I want to be as young as I can as long as I live. I want God to use me while I am here. We ought to pray God for laborers and then labor as we pray. God works thru people. If often we pray and work for laborers, God will certainly give them. We must as a church and as individuals help laborers into the vineyard.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was given by W. C. Perry. The report accepted and committee continued.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of officers which resulted as follows: J. H. Knepper, re elected Moderator on the first ballot; Z. T. Livengood, Vice-Moderator; W. D. Furry, Secretary; W. W. Roberts, Treasurer; W. H. Miller, Ass't Secretary; J.

L. Gillin declined to serve longer as statistician and W. H. Miller was elected by acclamation.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on committee: J. C. Mackey, O.; J. L. Kimmel, Ohio; J. L. Gillin, Iowa.

A vote of thanks was tendered J. L. Gillin for his faithful and efficient services as church statistician.

Adjournment.

At 8 o'clock, Moderator J. H. Knepper preached the annual sermon. His theme was, "What God hath done for us." The sermon was received with much favor and its publication in the EVANGELIST was requested.

SATURDAY

The second session of the Conference was opened with Devotional services by B. H. Flora of North Manchester, Ind.

Minutes of the previous session read and accepted.

The motion that the Statistician hereafter be paid ten dollars for his services was carried.

The Committee on Committees made the following report: (1) On Letters and Papers—J. A. Miller, Marcus A. Witter, Isaac Watson.

(2) On Resolutions—E. E. Haskins, E. E. Roberts, W. H. Miller.

The regular program was made the order of business.

Report of Ashland College by the President J. A. Miller. This report was substantially the same as that made to the Board of Trustees at its last meeting and which was published in the EVANGELIST, No. 26.

Announcement of the Plans of the Board of Trustees of Ashland College was made by John Keim who spoke—(1) Satisfaction of the work of the present faculty. (2) Present solvency of the College, (3) Running expenses for the year met, (4) Additions to the Faculty.

Upon a motion made and carried the report of the Finance Committee of Ashland College was the order of business.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COLLEGE FINANCE COMMITTEE Amount received during the year:—

On apportionments,	\$ 109 00
On account B. Trustees,	108 00
On promissory notes,	561 20
On interest,	106 87
On old note,	5 00
On insurance returned,	32 50
On account,	92
	\$923 49
On loan from bank,	500 00
	\$1423 49

Amount paid out during the year:

Ex-mortgagees,	\$1056 76
Overdraft in bank,	160 81
Interest in bank,	17 50
Accounts,	64 40
Cash on hand,	41 98
Collection charges and travelling expenses,	82 04

\$1423 49

JOHN KEIM, Sec.

By permission of Conference J. A. Miller was permitted to speak concerning the commencement exercises held at Ashland College, June, 1900.

R. R. Teeter read a paper entitled, "The Theological school and the Preacher," which was favorably received and the writer requested to forward the paper to the EVANGELIST for publication.

"The College as a center of Spiritual Power" was the theme of an address made by J. A. Miller. The following points were emphasized:—(1) More students of the Bible today, and especially in our Colleges than ever before. (2) That the college population is a young-vigorous and growing population. (3) This population is the best. (4) This population has the most intense and fixed ideals and purposes in life. (5) This population is intelligent, rational, practical and hopeful. (6) The magnitude of the students' volunteer Band for Foreign Missions. Professor Miller was requested to write his address for publication.

The needs of Ashland College, an open parliament led by W. D. Furry, who spoke of the need of books that were essential to the work of the departments of Language and Philosophy in which he is engaged. Prof. Witter spoke of the needs, (1) Chemical and Physical apparatus, (2) Materials for work in Science department. (3) Reference books. J. C. Cassel, I. D. Bowman, and J. L. Gillin spoke of the advantages to be gained from a study of science and the need of this department in our college.

The Committee on permanent location made its report thru C. F. Yoder, secretary. The following proposition was made to the church by the Winona Assembly and Summer School.

Committee on permanent location of Progressive Brethren Conference.

DEAR FRIENDS:—I have been instructed by our board of directors to tender to you the free use of our grounds and buildings for your annual meeting, on the simple condition that you will bear the necessary expenses incident to the conference, such as electric lights, janitorship, etc.

It is hereby understood and agreed that you will hold your meeting here annually immediately following the annual Winona Bible Conference. This agreement may be qualified by allowing you to hold your annual meeting elsewhere once in each four years, provided you give us one year's notice in advance.

We further agree that the same rates as to hotel and cottage accommodations shall obtain each year as in the previous Bible conference. Our board has made you this generous proposition because we believe you to be in sympathy with the evangelical spirit of this place, and whilst we make no conditions other than the above, yet it would greatly please all of our directors and stock-holders if you, or your individual members could see your way clear to have a Progressive Brethren home for ministers and others, and if you could find it in your hearts to subscribe for a number of shares of our stock. We believe this would not only result in good to the Winona Assembly, but also to your work.

Trusting you will see your way clear to accept this proposition and invitation, I am,

Yours very truly. SOL. C. DICKEY.

The Committee offered the following resolution: That this Conference hereby ac-